

VAPA Enhancement Program (VEP) 2019/2020 FAQ & Application Instructions

Who is eligible to apply for VEP funding?

Any TK – 12 teachers currently employed and in good standing at a San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) School may apply. Teachers may only submit one application.

What do you fund?

This program sponsors activities and non-consumable materials that extend and enhance visual and performing arts learning for students and teachers, including:

- Collaborations with community arts organizations to create innovative opportunities for TK-12 students to learn through meaningful, integrated visual and performing arts. Past examples include artist residencies and interactive field trips with a docent or workshop component.
- Access to VAPA-related professional development for teachers beyond the scope of school district offerings.
- Musical instruments and other non-consumable arts equipment, including specialty computer software, to further classroom VAPA learning goals.

What the VAPA Enhancement Program does not Fund: VEP does not fund any programs or projects that should be or are funded by a school's budget.

Connecting with Community Arts Organizations/Artists:

If you have a project/activity in mind, but do not yet have an arts organization to fill your need, The Arts Education Resource Organization (AERO) offers a robust list of community arts organizations that provide high quality, standards-based arts instruction and integration in schools. This list is not all-inclusive and does not act as an endorsement of participating groups, nor is this program limited to supporting activities provided by AERO members. It does offer a starting point if you are looking for an arts organization to fill a need. Here is the website: <https://aerosd.sdcoe.net>

VEP Application Categories:

\$500 or less

\$2,500 or less

In the past, fewer high-dollar proposals were selected for funding.

How will selected applicants be notified?

Selected applicants will be notified by email and mail.

Is there a final report?

Yes. The VAPA Foundation **requires** a final report. This report is due no later than 1 month after the completion of the project. Applicants will receive the end-of-grant report google form before the end of the 2019-20 school year. The report includes qualitative and quantitative questions, a summary budget of final income and expense and an upload of images from the project or program so be sure to take quality photos!

How will funds be disbursed?

Funds for artist residencies and other collaborations with community arts organizations will go directly to the arts organization.

Funds for instruments and arts equipment/materials will either be paid to the vendor or the school. We will determine this on a case-by-case basis.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

Applications Available online: By September 5, 2019
Program Application Due: October 4, 2019
Applicants Notified: By October 25, 2019
Projects should be completed by: May 1, 2020
Required Final Report Due: No later than 1 month after completion of project/activity
(end of school year, unless summer educator professional development)

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

How to Submit the Online Application:

You will find the 2019/2020 application on the VAPA Foundation website on the Programs page:
<https://vapafoundation.org/fundingopportunities>.

Thank you for participating in the 2019/20 VAPA Enhancement Program. We look forward to learning about your plans to infuse your classroom with arts education.

If you have questions about this application, please email Theresa Kosen, VAPA Foundation Consultant, **news@vapafoundation.org**.